

ENSIGN STONE'S ORDEAL IS OVER.

Board of Inquiry Completes Its Formal Labors of Love.

CONDE BUTLER TESTIFIES.

He Is Dignified and English, but Naval Nerves Resent the Dose.

THEN COMES A FRENCH MAID.

She Is Listened to Attentively and the Hearing Comes to an End—Stone and Osborne Will Probably Be Exonerated.

The ordeal of Ensign Stone, so far as the court of inquiry is concerned, is at an end. After the navy had been somewhat scandalized, in its own opinion, by the appearance of three servants as witnesses on board the Maine yesterday afternoon, the court finally adjourned sine die. All last evening Lieutenant Barnett, who acted as recorder of the court, was busily engaged on board the vessel to which he is attached in writing out the testimony adduced before the court. In all likelihood his work will have been so far completed that it will be submitted this morning to Captain Sigbee and Lieutenant Winslow and Bowyer, who composed the court, and they will, in turn, send their findings to



AT THE SEELY DANCE



Gora Routt in a New Play, "Who Stole the Silverware."

GORA ROUTT, of Seely dinner fame, appeared before Magistrate Brann in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday and danced to the music of the law. She was pretty of face and trim of figure. Her shirt was silk and black; her waist was loose and purple; she wore a yellow scarf at her throat, and her hair was a gorgeous creation. Several women friends, equally handsomely gowned, and a number of gentlemen in check suits, attended her in her new role—that of defendant in a larceny case. It was a combination of drama, burlesque and vaudeville; a sort of continuous performance.

Miss Routt rented a room from Miss Jennie R. Sweeney, who is the lessee of the apartments connected with the La Grange restaurant, at No. 130 West Thirty-fourth street. Her meals were served to her in her room from the restaurant. She and Miss Sweeney had a misunderstanding over the disappearance of two ostrich feathers. Gora could get no satisfaction and told the landlady that she would pack up and leave.

"You must pay me \$20 for two weeks rent before you can have your trunks," said Miss Sweeney.

"I see a lithograph of myself doing that," replied Gora. "I'll just give you \$4 and call it square, as the feathers were worth \$16."

The offer was scornfully rejected. Miss Routt's friend, Miss Strong, proceeded to pack the trunks while Gora wrote letters. Later Restaurateur La Grange appeared with Detectives Welsh and Caddell and charged Miss Routt with having silverware belonging to him in her trunks. Miss Routt protested innocence and opened the trunks. She seemed astonished to find a small silver soup tureen, two silver teaspoons and a little teapot, all of which La Grange swore belonged to him. Miss Sweeney claimed a gold thimble and Madame Troja, who had a room adjoining Miss Routt's, two tiger eye pins. These were the facts as sworn to by La Grange, Miss Sweeney and the officers in court yesterday.

Miss Routt's defence was that Miss Strong packed the articles in the trunk, thinking they belonged to her, and Miss Strong swore that she probably did so. Miss Routt also swears that it is speltwork on the part of Miss Sweeney, Madame Troja and La Grange, who are in league with the police to ruin her. On the witness stand the little singer told an earnest, straightforward story and elicited the sympathy of the spectators, especially when her commitment was announced. The dishes in dispute are plated and are of small value.

It is equally true that Ensign Stone finds himself in an unfortunate position. He loves the girl and the girl loves him, but the unpleasant notoriety which has been given their romance through the actions of Miss Conde's parents has angered, or at least has displeased, his own mother, and has placed Mr. and Mrs. Conde in the position where they can never consent to the marriage of their daughter to the Ensign without ignominious and unconditional surrender. Mrs. Stone, who is at present living in Washington, and who idolizes her only child, the manly and handsome young ensign of the Puritan, is a woman of great refinement and influence. She comes from one of the oldest and most distinguished families of the State of Georgia. She has naturally been deeply offended by the disposition of Mr. and Mrs. Conde to throw discredit and heap opprobrium upon her boy. Her ancestors owned a plantation in the South considerably over a century before the factory bell of the Conde Knit Goods Manufacturing Company ever pealed out on the city of Oswego, and therefore, while admitting that she is not possessed of the wealth of the Condes, she and her son have fully as great a claim to social distinction.

The proceedings yesterday were interesting but decidedly distasteful to the court which was inquiring into the charges that had been preferred. They were distasteful from the fact that an English butler, a Scandinavian housekeeper and a French maid boarded an American battleship and gave what, as one officer expressed it, "keyhole testimony." Naval officers are peculiar in some things, and among those peculiarities, which have been caricatured from the days of Paul Jones down to the present, is a disinclination to hear witnesses whom they consider beneath them in social grade; but Mr. Conde had insisted that the testimony of his three

servants was necessary to a full and accurate presentation of his case, and so the officers of the court were compelled to bow before his desires. Captain Sigbee and his associates had expressed a desire that Mrs. Conde and her daughter be called upon to give evidence. Ensign Stone, however, made an earnest request that the daughter be excused, and to this Captain Sigbee, with becoming chivalry, beamed a smiling assent.

Mrs. Conde Refused to Appear.
Mr. Conde had said that he thought it possible, although not by any means certain, that his wife would consent to appear. She would not, however, do any such thing. She told her husband that nothing on earth could induce her to appear before a board of naval officers, whom she suspected were in full sympathy with the sailor for her daughter's hand. She informed her husband that he was fully familiar with all that had occurred, and was, therefore, as competent as herself to testify. As a court of inquiry is a rather informal function at the most, and as witnesses are never sworn, there was no way of compelling her to appear.

The servants attended, however, and told what they knew. The greatest efforts were made to keep their testimony secret. In fact, no one connected with the court or with the interested parties would deviate from their custom of mystery and secrecy. They went so far as to deny knowledge of even the names of the three servants. But the first witness was the butler, Thomas Hawkins. He is English—very English—with side whiskers, smooth shaven lip and chin and a Warwickshire accent. He has been butler for the Conde family ever since Stone, in the butler, as Mr. Conde pronounced. He is a good butler, and a good servant of his master and mistress. He was by no means positive in his identification of Ensign Osborne, who stood up in the Captain's cabin in order that the butler might scrutinize him closely. He contained himself by asserting that he thought it was the same young man whom he saw quickly, but earnestly conversing with Miss Marie Conde in a room leading off of the conservatory in the Devon mansion, on May 24 last. He testified to overhearing Miss Conde's conversation with the Ensign. "We will meet you at the Devon House at 9 o'clock, and everything will be as I have told you." He further testified, that when Mr. Conde suspected the young man of being an emissary of Ensign Stone, he hurried to the Devon House, opened the portals of the front door to their full extent, for the visitor's exit. He also testified to the subsequent visit of the "mysterious Mr. Parker" and the "mysterious individual" to gain an audience with Miss Conde. That was all the butler knew, and from the indifference

her young mistress to elope with Ensign Stone.

Did she hear any such proposition made by the ensign to Miss Conde?

No, she did not; she merely heard it as gossip.

"Then," said Attorney McCaul, "you should not repeat things of which you have no personal knowledge."
The witness accepted this rebuff with stoicism. Did she know anything further of the matter? No, she did not. She was quickly dismissed.

End of the Romantic Inquiry.
Mr. Conde was recalled and was questioned by his attorney, Mr. Hastings. He gave some unimportant details, which his attorney thought would tend to strengthen his case, and then Ensign Osborne made numerous and emphatic denials in what might properly be termed rebuttal. Ensign Stone was not called.

Shortly before 4 o'clock, when Attorney Hastings had announced that his client, the prosecuting witness, had said all he desired to say, Captain Sigbee inquired: "Have you, or will you have, any further witnesses to produce?"

After a moment's consultation with Mr. Conde, Attorney Hastings replied that they knew of no other witnesses. The same questions having been put to Ensign Stone and Osborne, and the same responses having been made, Captain Sigbee said: "Very well, the Court of Inquiry will adjourn sine die." All the people in the room then arose and Mr. Conde shook hands, somewhat stiffly, with the three officers of the court. He subsequently refused to make any statement.

A few minutes later Ensign Stone and Ensign Osborne returned to their respective ships, the Puritan and the Vermont. Both smiled affably upon the officers, who returned their salutes.

HELD FOR MADDIGAN'S MURDER

Four Men Suspected of Being Implicated in the Port Chester Outrage.

Four men are under arrest at Port Chester on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of John Maddigan, of that place, last Saturday morning. They are Henry Smith, Elwood Doyle, Charles McDougal and John Saunders, all employees of the Projectoscope Show Company, which broke up at Yonkers on Thursday.

They were arrested at Yonkers yesterday by two Pinkerton detectives. On McDon-

SOUGHT TO WHIP MR. LABOUCHERE.

The Editor of Truth Narrowly Escaped the Lash.

ARGUED WITH ASSAILANT.

Told Him Not to Be a Fool and Threatened Him with the Police.

London, June 4.—An attempt was made to-day to horsewhip Henry Labouchere, the editor of Truth and member of Parliament. The young man who proposed to whip the editor either lost his courage or else was reasoned out of his intention by Mr. Labouchere. At any rate, Mr. Labouchere escaped unharmed.

When Mr. Labouchere was on his way from his residence to the House of Commons he was accosted by a young man who was greatly excited, and who flourished a horsewhip.

"Who the deuce are you?" said Mr. Labouchere.

"Sok of the wronged Mr. Brooks, the person you have slandered," replied the young man.

"What do you want?" said Mr. Labouchere in a stern voice.

"Revenge," replied Brooks, who began to back away; the hostile manner of Mr. Labouchere having caused his courage to come out. Then Brooks muttered something about his mother.

"Don't be a fool," said Mr. Labouchere. "I am sorry about your mother. Come with me."

The young man and Labouchere walked toward the House of Commons, engaged in conversation. At the door the editor parted from Brooks and calmly entered the House.

Mr. Labouchere's Statement.

Mr. Labouchere afterwards made this statement:

"When I left my residence a young man advanced toward me with a hunting whip and declared he meant to murder me. I asked who the devil he was, and he replied he was the son of Brooks. I told him I was sorry for him and for his mother, but that I should advise him not to make a fool of himself or to threaten me, which would only result in a police cell. He flourished his whip, and attempted to hit me; but he missed me. I then closed with the excited youth and pointed out to him the absurdity of his conduct. We talked the matter over for a few minutes, and he then left and made no further attempt to assault me."

Mr. Labouchere would be assailable in



ARTICLES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN

the son of Rev. George Brooks, otherwise known as the "Prince of Begging Letter Writers," whose doings were exposed in the columns of Truth. Brooks, who was formerly a Methodist pastor, is said to have obtained \$40,000 within five years by sending begging letters to Cabinet Ministers, Dukes, Archbishops, Directors of the Bank of England, Generals, Admirals and, it is said, to William Waldorf Astor.

Secured the Royal Bounty.

Brooks, who has also been dubbed "Bounty" Brooks, from the fact that he succeeded in obtaining a grant of \$1,000 from the Royal Bounty Fund, voted every year by Parliament to enable the Queen to assist deserving literary men and women, brought a suit for libel against Mr. Labouchere, which resulted in a verdict in December last in favor of the editor, who is credited with having spent \$200,000 during recent years in exposing frauds.

MRS. RIZAL IN THE FIELD.

Widow of the Victim of Spaniards Commands a Force of Philippines.

Tacoma, Wash., June 4.—News has been received here, via Hong Kong, that the beautiful widow of Dr. Rizal is now com-

displayed by the court, it did not appear that his testimony had done much to strengthen the claims of Mr. Conde that the two ensigns and the "mysterious Mr. Parker" had been guilty of conduct unbecoming officers and gentlemen.

French Maid Gives Testimony.

A very dark skinned, black eyed young woman, petite and nice to look at, was next called. She had been loitering in the mess room ever since 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She said, with an accent, that seemed to breathe of her native Paris:

"Où, monsieur, j'ai Emile Dumont, maud à Mrs. and Miss Conde."

The young woman blushed frequently and lowered her eyes, although goodness knows the chivalrous officers of the navy who conducted the examination said nothing that could cause a rose tint to mar her cheeks. Perhaps it was the ardent glances cast upon her which caused Miss Dumont to appear so shy and coy. It was really very little bearing upon the case that she could tell. To be sure, she knew of letters and notes and messages which Ensign Stone had sent and which he had unsuccessfully endeavored to send to the girl of his heart. Did she like Monsieur le Ensign?

"Où, monsieur, j'ai Emile Dumont, maud à Mrs. and Miss Conde."

She admitted she had loved Monsieur le Ensign, and she said that she had loved him very much. She could not tell, and the maid blushed and lowered her eyes before the smiling gaze of the Recorder of the Court, who has a silky mustache and very handsome eyes.

Then this little Frenchwoman, with a delicate nod of her head, and a "bon soir, messieurs," lifted from the cabin, with all the grace which should belong to so ingenious a young woman.

Next was called the housekeeper, a native of Stockholm, and a number of years the senior of her Parisian predecessor. Her name was Hilda Nelson, spinster, and she knew even less than Madame Dumont. She did not seem to regard Ensign Stone with the cordiality of her fellow member of the Conde household. To be sure, she had nothing against him, and she went so far as to intimate that to her practical Northern mind they made a very handsome couple when together.

She admitted she had intercepted letters between the ensign and his sweetheart, and she had known of two young men who had been in the cabin on May 24. She could not positively identify Ensign Osborne as one of the visitors, because she only saw him as he stood in the hall in conversation with the butler. She had heard it discussed in the servant's hall that the object of the visitor was to induce

gal's clothes numerous blood spots were found, while a knife with a broken blade and blood stains on it was discovered in his clothing. The prisoners do not deny that they were in Port Chester at the time of the murder, and that they had a quarrel with Maddigan, but say they know nothing about the murder.

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manding a company of Philippine Island rebels, armed with rifles, making her headquarters at Nalc, Cavite Province. Last month definite information was received that she and her company were in Cavite, awaiting the expected activities of the Spanish troops in that section.

NO PLEDGE FROM FAURE.

France's President Guarded in the Statements Made to the American Commissioners.

Paris, June 4.—It is learned from an authorized French source that the letters of credence presented to President Faure by Senator Wolcott, former Vice-President Stevenson and General Paine, are as Ministers Plenipotentiary to France, Great Britain and Germany, with the mission, in concert with the United States Ambassadors to those countries, to discuss monetary questions and come to some agreement on bimetallicism.

President Faure carefully avoided making a statement to them at the audience which he accorded to the Commissioners at the Elysee Palace, Wednesday, which might be interpreted as a promise to take any steps in the matter.

VON TAUSCH GOES FREE.

The Government Unable to Convict the Former Chief of the Political Police.

Berlin, June 4.—Herr Von Tausch, the former Chief of the Secret Political Police, who has been on trial here for nearly two weeks past, charged with perjury, high treason and forgery, was acquitted to-day.

Baron Von Tausch, who was tried with Herr Von Tausch, the former being charged in this case with defrauding the Imperial Army Service Fund and of forging a receipt for the purpose of wilful imposition, was convicted. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

STOLE HIS OWN CHILD?

Charles W. Clark Supposed to Have Kidnapped His Three-Year-Old Daughter at Port Chester.

A short time ago Mrs. Charles W. Clark left her husband and began suit in the Westchester County Supreme Court for a bill of separation on the charge of cruelty. She went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Snape, her parents, at Port Chester, and took her three children with her.

Clark denied the charges and demanded the custody of his children. Thursday afternoon Ella, three years old, went out to play on Travers street, fronting the Snape home. Soon Mrs. Clark heard a scream of "Mamma, mamma!" A little girl came running up and told her that a man was running away with Ella in his arms. Mrs. Clark ran to the railroad station with the idea of intercepting the kidnapper.

By this time the neighborhood was aroused and everybody began a hunt. Later Mrs. Clark was informed that the man with the child was her husband, and that he had run across lots to Lyons Point, where he gave Oscar Martin, a hostman, quarter to row him across the Byram River to the Connecticut shore. Mrs. Clark has also learned that her husband was hidden in Mrs. Danley's home, near the Snape household, and, according to Mrs. Danley, he had been watching for the opportunity to take his child for six hours. Clark is in the employ of Young & Co., at No. 210 Canal street.

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